BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 9 QUESTION 6

On May 1, the Postal Service filed a motion requesting that the Presiding Officer narrow the scope of the response to Question 6 of Presiding Officer's Information Request (POIR) No. 9, issued on April 21, 2000. In particular, the Postal Service requested that it be permitted to file only those portions of the reports specifically addressing the conversion rate issue, with any customer-, facility-, or contractor-specific names redacted. The Postal Service indicated that it was undertaking to prepare the reports for filing consistent with its Motion, and is doing so today with the filing of the response to question 6.

The question is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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6. The 1999 Annual Report of Investigations of the United States Postal Inspection Service cites 'improper conversion rate applications (the factors used to ascertain mail volume)' as one of five areas requiring continued postal management attention. The citation is based on the results of a summary of 16 reports issued by the Service on March 30, 1999. Please provide copies of this summary report and all individual reports that involve the conversion rate issue.

RESPONSE:

Eleven of the Observations of Mail Conditions (OMC) Reports prepared by the Inspection Service, as well as a summary report and a supplement to the summary report, address the conversion rate application issue. Copies of those portions of the reports dealing with this issue, with customer, contractor, and facility names redacted, are provided in USPS LR-I-324.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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